

# 2019 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative

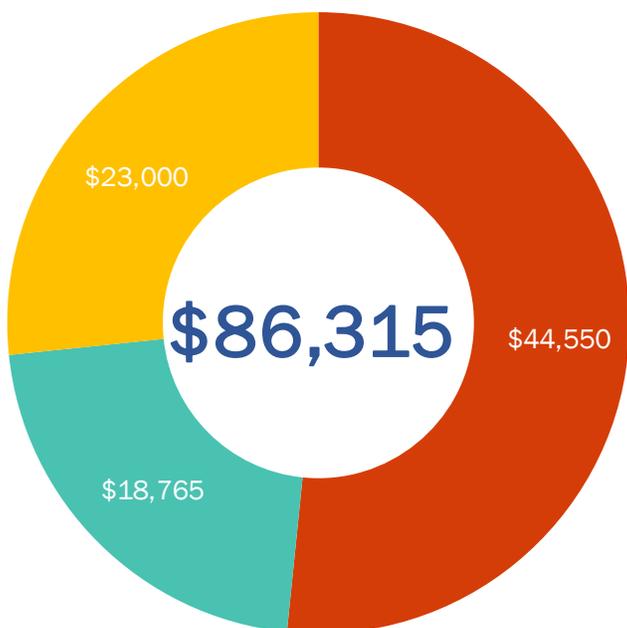
## TAUNTON / ATTLEBORO

### Funded Partners

Attleboro Police Department, Taunton Boys & Girls Club, Taunton Housing Authority, Taunton Police Department

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

### FUNDING ALLOCATION



### 66 YOUTH SERVED

**57%**  
LOW-RISK\*

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

**43%**  
MODERATE-RISK\*

Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement.

**0%**  
HIGH-RISK\*

Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

\* % of youth assessed for level of risk.

### STRATEGIES & OUTCOMES

Positive Youth Development & Recreation\*



**80**

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

**47**

Engaged in Volunteer Work or Community Service

**79**

Developed Healthy Relationships with Peers

**70**

Developed Leadership Skills

Suppression



**5**

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

**3**

Arrested During Shannon Funded Operation

**98**

Shannon Funded Overtime Hours for Hot Spots

**98**

Shannon Funded Overtime Hours for Warrant Sweeps

Community Mobilization



**6**

Shannon Steering Committee Meetings Held

**30**

Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held

\* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interest, skills, and abilities.

# Community Risk Factors

## MASSACHUSETTS

## TAUNTON

## ATTLEBORO

Total Population (2018 Estimate)	6,892,503	57,296	45,117
Population Lives in Poverty	10.0%	13.8%	8.9%
Unemployment Rate	2.94%	3.52%	3.17%
Total School Population (2018-2019)	1,007,005	9,115	6,688
Economically Disadvantaged	32.8%	45.9%	30.4%
High School Dropout Rate	1.9%	1.4%	1.2%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu/](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/); [www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/)

## Gang Activity in Taunton/Attleboro

31

Street Gangs

75

Gang Members Under 25

In 2019, the Taunton Police Department confirmed 10 gangs comprising approximately 157 gang members, of which over 45% were under the age of 25. Gang activity included drug trafficking, shootings, stabbings, assault and battery, domestic assault, and home invasions. Attleboro Police Department identified 59 known gang members from 21 different gangs with 3% of these individuals below the age of 25. Gang activity in Attleboro included offenses such as drug dealing, simple assault, and weapons offenses.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2015-2019

### MASSACHUSETTS SIMPLE ASSAULT

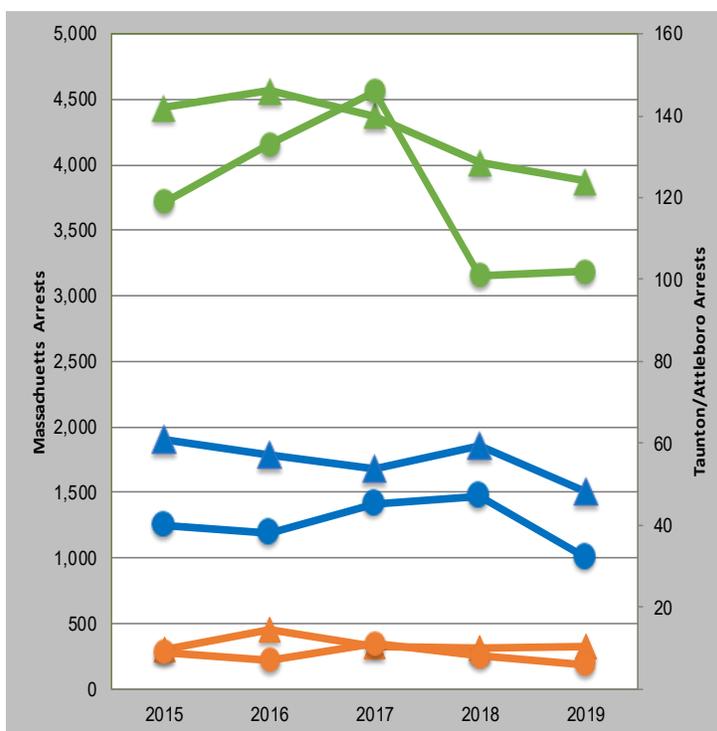
Simple assault arrests declined by 12.7% since 2015 (563 arrests)

### MASSACHUSETTS AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 20.6% since 2015 (391 arrests)

### MASSACHUSETTS ROBBERY

Robbery arrests increased by 10% since 2015 (30 arrests)



### TAUNTON/ATTLEBORO SIMPLE ASSAULT

Simple assault arrests declined by 14.3% since 2015 (17 arrests)

### TAUNTON/ATTLEBORO AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 20% since 2015 (8 arrests)

### TAUNTON/ATTLEBORO ROBBERY

Robbery arrests declined by 33.3% since 2015 (3 arrests)